THE MINISTER OFTOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIJAGMOHAN): (a) to (c)The detailed information is being collected from the field offices and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Safety of historical places in Chhattisgarh

†2211. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Archaeological Survey of India has handed over the responsibility of safety of pre-historical places in district Durg of Chhattisgarh to the State Government after making a survey wherein canal and road have been constructed by illegal mining of stones and "muram";

(b) whether it is also a fact that encroachment and mining has been attempted on a large scale in the protected pre-historical places in Chhattisgarh; if so, details thereof; and

(c) the details of schemes formulated by Government to ensure the protection of such pre-historical places?

THE MINISTER OFTOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on theTable of the House.

Sound and light show at Charminar, Hyderabad

2212. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)'whether Government have received a proposal from Andhra Pradesh for organising sound and light show at Charminar monument in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said proposal has been approved by Government;

(d) if so, the funding pattern of the scheme and time-frame by which it will be commissioned; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIJAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir. No such proposal has been received by the Archaeological Survey of India for organising a sound and light show at Charminar in Hyderabad.

(b) to (e) Question does not arise.

Public Libraries in rural and urban areas

2213. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new public libraries started with the initiative of Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation in rural and urban areas during 2001-2002;

(b) the amount of funds spent for supply of books to the existing libraries during 2001-2002, State-wise; and

(c) the total Central grant allotted to the foundation and how much of it was spent on staff and other overheads and how much on purchase of books.for libraries?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) As per the Constitution, responsibility for setting up new public libraries lies within the jurisdiction of the State Governments.

(b) Assistance rendered to various public libraries in different States and UTs under the matching and non-matching scheme is given in the Statement (See below).

(c) During.the year 2001-2002, out of the total fund availability of around Rs. 12.98 crores from various sources, including the Central grant of Rs. 8.61 crores, the establishment related expenditure was Rs. 1.46 crores and Rs. 9.48 crores was spent on purchase of books for libraries.